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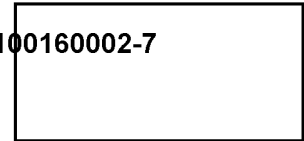
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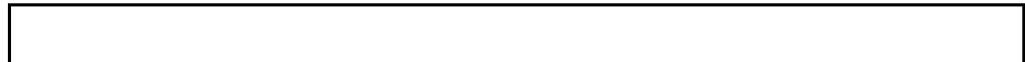
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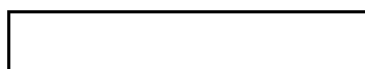
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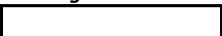


The Vietnamese have maintained a low-keyed response to China's attack and have publicly treated it in a confident, restrained manner and offered little detail about the fighting. Premier Pham Van Dong did not rush home from his official visit to Kampuchea but remained to sign a Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation on Sunday with Hanoi's Kampuchean client regime. Beijing has already denounced the pact. 


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The pact is a thinly disguised blueprint for Vietnamese control of Kampuchea as well as an indication of Hanoi's determination to forge an Indochina federation in fact if not in name. The treaty's provision for mutual assistance "in all spheres and in all necessary forms" is an obvious legal pretext for keeping Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea. The treaty indicates that additional accords will be signed authorizing the exchange of experts and intensified cooperation between their governments and mass organizations. This provision may foreshadow greater Vietnamese civilian participation in areas under Vietnamese control, at least until their Kampuchean clients can develop a viable administrative structure. The treaty further states that Vietnam and Kampuchea will begin negotiations for a treaty to delineate their border along existing lines. 

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The Soviet Government condemnation on Sunday of the Chinese invasion as well as additional commentary indicate that Moscow's initial assistance to Vietnam will probably fall short of direct military action against China. The statement demanded that the Chinese withdraw their forces "before it is too late" and pledged that the USSR would honor its obligations under the Soviet-Vietnamese friendship treaty. The treaty stipulates that if either party is attacked both will "immediately consult each other with a view to eliminating the threat, and shall take appropriate and effective measures to safeguard the peace and security of the two countries." 

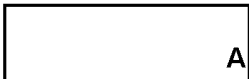
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On Sunday, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko met with the Vietnamese Ambassador; the meeting presumably will lead to increased Soviet aid. Soviet commentary is taking the line, however, that Vietnam can defend itself, and Moscow Radio has echoed that the Vietnamese people are "capable of standing up for themselves." 

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Meanwhile, the Soviet propaganda offensive has begun:

- The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet met yesterday and supported the government statement.
- Politburo members Gromyko and Kunayev have publicly denounced China.
- Several demonstrations--albeit relaxed and short-lived--have taken place at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow.
- The Soviet-dominated World Peace Council has called for immediate Chinese withdrawal.
- Moscow has orchestrated statements of condemnation among its Warsaw Pact allies with the exception of Romania, which issued an even-handed statement. [REDACTED]

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The Soviets appear undecided as to whether to charge the US with collusion with China. In an authoritative *Izvestia* commentary yesterday, prominent political observer Aleksandr Bovin--a former adviser to President Brezhnev--reported that the US is "energetically emphasizing" that it tried to keep the Chinese from attacking and concluded that "probably that is the way it was." [REDACTED]

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Today's *Pravda*, however, published a more strident article under a pseudonym indicating leadership approval. It declared that Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's "American friends" were informed of China's impending military action and that these same "friends" wanted belatedly to punish Hanoi for the "ignominious defeat" sustained in Vietnam. In support of this allegation, *Pravda* notes that US naval forces were deployed in the South China Sea at the time of the Chinese assault. [REDACTED]

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SITUATION REPORTS

IRAN

Shops, banks, and many other businesses reopened in Tehran this weekend for the first time since early December, and traffic has begun to move normally again. In the provinces, the level of fighting has declined significantly. The ability of Prime Minister Bazargan's government to establish its authority remains in doubt, however. [REDACTED]

The relationship of the government with the Revolutionary Committee at Ayatollah Khomeini's headquarters, where former officials are being tried, is unclear. Numerous ad hoc committees exercise authority at the working level of the government and the economy as well as in many neighborhoods. These committees voice loyalty to Khomeini and the government, but seem uncontrolled. Some of these heavily armed groups apparently are taking justice into their own hands and are arresting those suspected of collaboration with the Shah's regime. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Bazargan is particularly worried by the growing leftist influence in the national radio and television organization and in the Tehran press. The leftists can ignore government instructions and sometimes issue their own propaganda and disrupt the radio's operations. [REDACTED] the leftists are strongly opposing efforts to stress the Islamic nature of the revolution. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1

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Khomeini's determined efforts to root out all commanders associated with the Shah's regime will lead to further confusion. He announced this weekend that all generals will be relieved of their posts. It will take months at best to begin to restore a measure of cohesiveness in the military. During this time, the leftists are likely to intensify their efforts to subvert the enlisted personnel. [REDACTED]

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//The Egyptian press revealed on Sunday that Cairo has officially protested North Korea's dispatching of pilots to Libya. The Egyptian protest reportedly described North Korea's move as "an act of aggression."

[REDACTED]

USSR: First Ocean Research Satellite

The Soviets have identified Cosmos 1076, launched on 12 February, as their first oceanographic research satellite. According to a TASS announcement, the vehicle has two telescopes and instruments to measure ocean temperatures.

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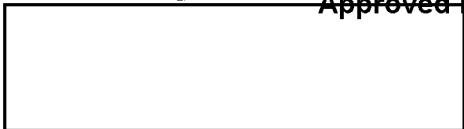
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